



CAMPFIRMATION

AT HOME

WELCOME TO WALKING THE WAY

Campfirmation at Home is a faith experience meant to accompany a 7-9th grader and their family on their faith journeys. Jesus meets us where we are and walks with us on this journey, accompanying us, and teaching us with every step. This is an opportunity for us to experience this journey together while considering how we are called to live out our faith in daily life.

Three Year Scope:

The following questions guide our faith experience through each year of Campfirmation.

- 2023 - 2024 Where is Jesus?
- 2024 - 2025 Who is Jesus?
- 2025 - 2026 Why Jesus?

Goals:

- *Equipping Parents:* Providing parents with materials to accompany their child in their life of faith through monthly emails to utilize at home as you wish and parents/guardians zoom calls for community and support.
- *Partnership:* Partnering with congregations, families, and community members to support our young people on their faith journey.
- *Building Connections:* Providing youth, congregations, and families an opportunity to build their connections with peers, ministry partners, and community members to more fully realize what it means to be the Body of Christ in the world.
- *Collaboration:* Sharing our gifts, wisdom, and creativity to build faith, nurture a new program, and support our young people on their faith journey.
- *Experiential Faith:* Providing opportunities for our young people to understand faith as a lived experience, embodied in our daily lives, and enacted wherever we are.
- *Diversity of Voices:* Providing opportunities for our young people to learn from a variety of leaders with varying titles, from distinct places, and expressing unique gifts as they live out their life of faith.

Components of Campfirmation at Home

- **Monthly “Trail Marker” e-mails** for households to encourage faithful conversation and experiences. Each email includes a monthly faith practice, discussion questions, and way to engage with their congregation, family, or neighborhood.
- **Four zoom gatherings** for parents and caring adults to discuss the monthly themes, pray, and support one another.

2024-2025 Retreat and Trail Marker Themes

- **The journey of Jesus:** An overview of the arc of Jesus’ life journey, his ancestors, community, and context. How his journey meets us on our journeys.
- **The character of Jesus:** The practices, beliefs, and actions that informed Jesus when he was alone and in community. How his character informs who we are and how we live.
- **The teachings of Jesus:** Primary philosophies and religious teachings from Jesus that transformed and continue to transform the lives of “those with ears.” How his teachings transform us.
- **The justice of Jesus:** The practices, actions, and teachings that defined Jesus’ understanding of and call for justice in the world. How Jesus’ call for justice laid the foundation for the Passion. How the call for justice and passion of Jesus shapes our understanding of vocation and theology.

2024 - 2025 Dates

Adult Zoom Monday, Oct. 7, 2024
Adult Zoom Monday, Nov. 4, 2024
Adult Zoom Monday, Dec. 2, 2024
Adult Zoom Monday, March 1, 2025

How to Register as a Household

If you would like to participate in Campfirmation, but do not have a sponsoring congregation (you are not a member, or the congregation is not participating in Campfirmation), contact Casey Cross at associate@lutherheights.org. **Please register by July 22. Cost per household is \$75.**

